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## RE: HB 340 Juneteenth Hearing Fri Feb 6

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Thu, Feb 5, 2009 at 11:37 AM

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To: Margaret MacDonald <macmargaret@gmail.com>

Dear Representative MacDonald

I will not be able to attend the hearing on February 6,.

I would like you to let the Judicial Committee know that I support this day to be set aside for Juneteenth day, for the following reasons. The African American came to the Montana Territory as Slaves and as Freeman. The African American contributed to the growth and develop of Montana during and after Slavery. The African American continued coming to Montana after the Civil War as Buffalo Soldiers, Cowboy's, Military, Bicycle Brigade, Farmers, Laborers, Teachers, Business owners, Newspapermen and women, Musicians, Etc. The African American not only protected the settlers to allow them to live, farm, ranch, lumber, build cities and prosper. but they remained and helped to build these cities and industries in this great State. The Montana Historical Society is complying a history of all of these events and the treatment of the African American both good and bad in the State of Montana. Had the African American according to documented history not contributed to the growth of Montana and its rich Heritage, Montana may not be the great State it is today. Therefore, I believe Montana should join the other States in this great Union and approve HB 340.

Thank you

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Subject: HB 340 Juneteenth Hearing Fri Feb 6

Hi Jerri,

Here is the bill attached. The hearing is in the House Judiciary Committee which will begin at 8 am.

Rep. Margie MacDonald